

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) Tamsulosin hydrochloride, ((R)-5-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide)hydrochloride, in the amorphous form.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has a DSC thermogram thereof which exhibits an exothermic peak at about 100° C.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an IR spectrum thereof which exhibits a band at about 3449 cm⁻¹.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 3 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an IR spectrum thereof which exhibits the bands substantially as shown in Table 1.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an X-ray powder diffractogram thereof which exhibits the absence of discrete diffractions which are characteristic of crystalline forms.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the amorphous form of tamsulosin hydrochloride characterised in that it comprises lyophilization of a solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The process for the preparation of amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 6 wherein said solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride is aqueous solution.

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The process for the preparation of amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 8 wherein said solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride is aqueous solution.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising tamsulosin hydrochloride and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients characterised in that it comprises tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form.

Claims 11.-15. (Cancelled)